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SUBJECT: Letter of Clarification No. 1

REFERENCE: Bid No.: S10-L23988 for

SWIMMING POOL MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

TO: All Prospective Bidders:

This Letter of Clarification is issued for the following reason:

- **The following questions and City of Houston responses are hereby incorporated and made a part of the Bid:**

1. Vendor Question: Section B, Scope of Work: "Section 19.27, Data Management Server Capabilities--all services of this type has a monthly fee associated with them to cover the cost of data transmission. On the last Bid this was interpreted to be included with the controller purchase and installation fees. Is that the case with this Bid as well?"

COH Answer: *"Yes, in the previous Agreement, this service was inclusive based on new Controller Units--with warranties. Appropriate proposed costs need to be prepared as a separate fee for total Controllers (53 Units)."*

2. Vendor Question: Section B, Scope of Work: "Section 12.0, Chemical Tanks--We don't see a list on the Bid Form or elsewhere stating the size of the tanks. Tanks size varies significantly on each of the pools, and prices vary significantly according to size."

COH Answer: *"Typical sizes should be identified by pool consumption of chemicals. Bidders will be required to visit sampling of pool types and calculate cost times estimated for units to be replaced."*

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3. Vendor Question: Section B, Scope of Work: "Section 3.0, Maintenance--Are the costs for this section (read as maintenance outside of Section 10.0 PM Program) to be included under Section 4 of the Bid Form as a flat rate for the year including all parts and labor? Is the cost of the PM program in Section 10 also supposed to be bid under section 4 of the Bid Form?"

COH Answer: *"Yes, where possible. Cost should be a "flat rate" fee to be consistent for budgeting justification."*

4. Vendor Question: "Are the prices in Section 3 of the Bid Form for Chemical Controllers to include the feed pumps or not?"

COH Answer: *"Yes. If the Chemical Controller is to be identified as a complete system, then Feed Pumps should be included (i.e., all related and functional parts, components, and sub-assemblies)."*

When issued, Letter(s) of Clarification shall automatically become a part of the Proposal documents and shall supersede any previous specification(s) and/or provision(s) in conflict with the Letter(s) of Clarification. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to ensure that they have obtained any such previous Letter(s) associated with this solicitation. By submitting a Proposal on this project, Proposers shall be deemed to have received all Letter(s) of Clarification and to have incorporated them into this Proposal.

If you should have any questions or if further clarification is needed regarding this Proposal, please contact me at greg.hubbard@houston.tx.gov, or at 832.393.8748.

Sincerely,



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